



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## TO OUR DADS FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Being a part of the D.A.D.S family means so much more than you know. You are a vital part of transforming lives through your support of Fatherhood and ending Fatherlessness. You have made it possible for D.A.D.S to bless many families this year. We continue to reach more fathers each day. As we pour into their lives, they become fathers who bring life and hope into their families. The resulting stable families become the foundation of love and security that children need to grow into healthy adults. The generosity of your family is building a better future for these children. The future is bright for families! Our Faith leads us to serve and as you walk alongside us we want to share what a difference you are making. Thank you for your partnership with D.A.D.S



Elijah's Grandma

“my grandson Elijah has learned alot from DADS. I am so grateful for the great work you do to make a big difference in the lives of these men”

## ELIJAH'S STORY

Elijah came to D.A.D.S in 2022 seeking visitations with his two year old son. Within this year of his court process there were many ups and downs, but Elijah never gave up. We walked with him on his journey back to his son. Elijah joined in our Becoming DADS parenting class. He was a 2023 D.A.D.S honoree at our Annual Fatherhood Banquet. He was also able to earn his AA from Shoreline Community College and has a stable job with the City of Seattle. During this process he worked on filing a temporary parenting plan and was granted visitation on Aug 18th 2023! We are so proud of Elijah and are excited to see where the rest of his journey takes him and his son.

## SO FAR IN 2023

**NEW & RETURNING FATHERS**  
341

**NEW & RETURNING CHILDREN**  
822

**BECOMING DADS CLASS PARTICIPATES**  
41



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UPDATE



### THIS HAS BEEN A BUSY SUMMER SEASON AT DADS. HERE'S SOME OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO!

We held our Annual Fatherhood Banquet this summer at the beautiful Lake Washington Hyatt. We connected with so many of our D.A.D.S friends and family and had an amazing time. We were able to raise over 280K this year! We shared our D.A.D.S honorees trials and triumphs with everyone that night. These stories you will understand why we do the work we do.

We have graduated two Becoming D.A.D.S parenting class this year. Our graduation is held at the Langston Hughes Performing Arts Center in Seattle. We gathered with the families and friends of the fathers who commit this 13 week course but also to themselves and more importantly their children. We love to see the growth and new beginnings for all of these men.



### COMMUNITY CORNER



#### D.A.D.S Community Partner

Women United assist in strengthening kinship families by serving underrepresented, Black, and African American caregivers 55 years and older. Resources, opportunities, and support networks which ensure the well-being of children and their kinship caregivers. Marvin and Jeanett believe in community and that all positive support leads to stronger communities for all  
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PODCAST

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